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## A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Three Men Killed and Three Wounded at Frankfort Last Week.

## DAVE COLSON KILLS SCOTT.

The Renewal of an Old Feud, in Which Innocent Bystanders Are Victims.

The most terrible tragedy in years occurred in the lobby of the Capital hotel last Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 16th, in which three men were killed and three wounded. The ones who suffered death are Ethelbert Scott, of Somerset, Ky., L. W. Demaree, of Shelbyville and Chas. Julien, of Frankfort. The wounded are Harry McEwan, of Louisville, David G. Colson, of Middleboro and Ben R. Golden, of Barbourville.

THE SHOOTING.

The facts of the shooting are briefly as follows: Colson and Scott met in the lobby at the Capital Hotel. It seemed to the bystanders that they fired simultaneously. Scott pulled Demaree in front of him, and he was shot instantly. Colson followed Scott to the steps, shooting six times. Scott's dead body rolled down the steps and broke the leg of a Chicago drummer, who was mounting the stairs at the time.

In all about fifteen shots were fired, one of which entered the body of Chas. Julien, a bystander, from which he died in a few minutes. Harry McEwan and Ben Golden were wounded as was Colson who hurried to his boarding house and sent for physicians and officers.

It is thought that other besides Colson and Scott were shooting or that Colson had more than one revolver for the bullets extracted from Scott's body were of different caliber.

WHO THE MEN ARE.

Ex-Congressman David G. Colson, of Middleboro, is well known throughout the State. He was before the public last as colonel of the 4th Kentucky Volunteers in the Spanish war. He comes from a family of fearless mountaineers and seems to have had little regard for

man or law.

Ethelbert Scott was a nephew of Governor Bradley and served under Captain Colson as lieutenant in the 4th Kentucky. He was a fiery young blood, whose lack of restraint and self-control have ended his life so disastrously.

L. W. Demaree was the assistant postmaster at Shelbyville and a prominent Republican in Central Kentucky.

Charles Julien, another innocent victim, was a farmer about forty-five years of age, living near Frankfort. He leaves a wife and one child.

Ben B. Golden, of Barbourville, has been brought to Louisville and is at the St. Joseph's Infirmary, where, it is believed, he will recover. He was captain in the 4th Kentucky.

THE BEGINNING OF THE FEUD.

The trouble between Colson and Scott dates back to February 1899. It seems that there had been bad feeling between the colonel and lieutenant throughout the service and it terminated on the 13th of February in an encounter in a restaurant, Scott shooting Colson in the hip, from which wound Colson has never fully recovered, it having caused a partial paralysis of his body.

Colson is at present in jail at Frankfort suffering greatly from his wounds, which suffering he bears without flinching. He is a man of iron nerve as well as steady aim.

Four indictments have been made against him—one for the killing of Scott, one for the killing of Demaree and two for carrying concealed weapons.

It is expected that the affair will have more sensational features which will come out at the trial at which Captain Golden will be an important witness.

## A PLEASING PERFORMANCE.

Ralph Bingham Entertains A Large Audience at the Methodist Church.

One of the largest and most attractive audiences that has ever gathered together in Cloverport greeted Ralph Bingham, the personator, humorist and violinist at the Methodist church Monday night. The reserved seats were all filled and most of the others. The occasion was quite a society event and the beaux and belles of the city were out in full force.

Mayor Barry introduced Mr. Bingham who kept audience in a roar of laughter or a vale of tears for nearly an hour. His selections were good and his renditions of them excellent. Among the best were the recitation, "The Cider Mill" in which he successfully imitates the voice and drawl of the old Indiana farmer and the blissful and agonizing experiences of a socially ambitious drummer who has but one tune in his musical repertoire but who possesses that rare and valuable article—unlimited nerve.

The ladies in the Methodist church who were instrumental in bringing Mr. Bingham here, are to be congratulated on their success which was beyond their expectations.

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## MOTHER GOOSE PARTY.

"Everything Was Lovely and the Goose Hung High."

The Mother Goose Party given at the beautiful old Fisher Homestead for the benefit of the Presbyterian church was both a social and financial success. This old home deserves a special notice as it is now about one hundred years old, and while time and care have dealt kindly with it, in a few details it has been changed.

The interior is as quaint as it is beautiful; here we see art and taste combined and too much credit cannot be given the present inhabitant, James B. Fisher, for his loving care of the house and grounds. It has been his pride and policy to keep the old place, the wide lawn and the ancient trees, as they were in the days of his ancestors, and while modern improvements are in evidence in the house there still lingers over all an atmosphere of "ye olden days."

Upon this occasion the children of Mother Goose were gorgeously attired and the old house rang with mirth and song. In the wee, small hours a delicious repast was served. A number of guests were present, who were not in costume, but the following are the names of those who impersonated the funny characters that will live forever: Prof. Maple—Little Boy Blue. Miss Minnie Murray—The Maiden All Forlorn.

Mrs. Etta Evans—Bye, Baby Bunting. Mr. Fred Fraize—Mother Goose.

Mr. Harry Board—"To bed, to bed," said Sleepy Head.

Miss Jane Warfield—Little Miss Muffet. Miss Alliene Murray—Mary Had a Little Lamb.

Mr. Jas. Skillman—The Farmer That Sowed the Corn.

Miss Annie Hamilton—Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary.

Mr. Fred Ferry—Handy Spandy Jack a Dandy.

Miss Lulu Owen—Old Mother Hubbard. Mr. Chas. Moorman—Jack be Nimble.

Miss Jane Hambleton—Little Polly Flinders.

Mr. John Harrison—Little Jack Horner. Miss Bettie Bowmer—The Milk Maid.

David Murray Jr.—Peter White Would Ne'er go Right.

Miss Lucile Sterett—Little Nancy Etticote.

Miss Bessie Hambleton—Margery Daw. Miss Marion Bowmer—Queen of Hearts.

Mrs. Dr. Smith—Old Woman a Shearing. Miss Satterfield—Old Woman to Market.

Mrs. Morris Beard—Curly Locks. Miss Rosa Riddle—Ba, ba, Black Sheep.

Mr. Jas. Fisher—Simple Simon.

## LAND TRANSFERS.

"Henderson Route" Bookkeeper Harris Buys a Farm.

In the neighborhood of Webster there have been some good sales of farms within the past week.

Mr. Fred Moorman, of that locality, who has been identified as one of that section's leading farmers, has sold his farm, consisting of 315 acres, to Mr. James G. Harris, of this city. The handsome figure of \$3,500 cash were realized. Mr. Moorman has not fully decided as to the business he will engage in. Mr. Thomas Morelock, of the same neighborhood, has sold his farm of ninety acres to Horace Hatfield. The price paid was \$800. It is understood that Mr. Morelock will locate at some Western town.

## Ladies' Reading Club.

Despite the unfavorable weather, quite a goodly crowd gathered at the home of Mrs. Dr. J. L. Moorman last Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Ladies' Reading Club. Mrs. Moorman is a bright and cheery hostess, and the meetings with her are always enjoyed.

Mrs. Charles B. Skillman will entertain the club tomorrow afternoon.

## Mrs. Louise Sulzer Dead.

The death of Mrs. Louise W. Sulzer appears in the Cannelton Telephone. She was the wife of Mr. Joseph Sulzer, who for years was a member of the mercantile firm of J. F. Sulzer & Bro., doing business in this city. Mrs. Sulzer was an invalid for many years and died at Chicago, Ill. Her remains were taken to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for interment.

Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities which remain in the system. HERBINE will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price 50 cents.

## An Enjoyable Dance.

Owing to the rainy night the Mother Goose party advertised for last Wednesday night was postponed until Thursday night and a dance at the Fisher homestead was given in its stead. There were few in attendance but it was pronounced by all the best dance of the season.

## DRY TOWN

Cloverport Magisterial District Gains a Second Victory.

## CONTEST OVERRULED.

The Election Held at Cloverport Dec. 19th Declared Legal.

The trial of the contest over the local option election held at this place December 19th which was postponed from January 15th was held at Hardinsburg Monday January 22nd. Much interest was manifested in the outcome of the day all over the county, the majority of whose districts are "dry," and a large crowd was in attendance. Cloverport was well represented by the ladies as well as by the men.

Judge Mercer who represented the contestees made an able argument. He urged the holding on to first principles and letting the will of the people make the laws. The voice of the people has spoken for the right to make the selling of liquor illegal and their desire made legal at the polls should not be disregarded.

Mr. David R. Murray spoke in his usual fluent and graceful manner. He upheld the technicalities of the law and endeavored in the interests of his clients to make null and void the will of the people on account of some trifling alleged illegalities.

The matter of decision came before the honor Tice Jolly, Taylor Beard and John Jennings, the board of election commissioners, who decided the election to be legal and binding.

It is rumored that the matter will be brought before the Circuit Court, which convenes at Hardinsburg in February. The temperance people will hold a praise and thank service at the Baptist church tonight.

## New Telegraph Company.

Messrs. Clarence Board, David Murray, Jr., and James Younger have formed a telegraph company. They are putting in the instruments at their homes and it will only be but a short time until they will have outside connection with the entire world.

Stock Company to Be Formed to Build an Opera House.

During the rounds of a News reporter he casually dropped into the office of Dr. R. L. Newsom eager after all news that might be of interest to the public in general. He said: "I have under consideration the organization of a stock company to build an opera-house, which is one of this city's greatest wants. Should I be successful in the attempt, the stock will be issued in sums of \$500 to \$1,000. The old Fisher lot on the corner, now owned by Matthias Miller, is the spot I have in view. The building will be built to be utilized for offices and business houses."

## Much Better.

Mr. J. A. Witt, who has been in ill-health for quite a while at his home in Hardinsburg, is reported as being much better.

## Will Appear Next Week.

An article pertaining to Black Lang shans, written by Mrs. G. A. Foote, of Irvington, was left out this week, but will appear next. It was a communication to the Farmers' Home Journal, for which she received a prize.

## Dr. Harris Gone to Virginia.

FALLS OF ROCK, Jan. 19.—(Special)—The friends of Dr. Harris regret to learn that he has left this community for his native state Virginia, where he will practice his profession at Lynchburg. He has lived here nearly two years in which time he has won many friends.

Dr. Harris was graduated from the Kentucky school of medicine with the highest honors. He is a member of one of the oldest of Virginia families, being the son of H. H. Harris, for twenty-seven years the Professor of Greek in the Richmond college and afterwards Professor in the Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

Dr. Harris is a young physician of ability and his friends in this section wish for him the success he so well deserves.

## Were in Town.

D. M. Duncan, D. S. Richardson and Will Grinnell, of Brandenburg, were in the city Sunday. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Duncan. It was the latter's first visit and they spoke in high terms of this city.

## WHAT IS THE COUNCIL GOING TO DO?

It Takes the Co-Operation of the Citizens to Bring New Industries To the Town.

## A COMMERCIAL CLUB NEEDED.

Now that the new council is duly installed what are they going to do? Are they going to bring manufacturing works and business to town? Are they going to give us water works, electric lights, better streets, etc.? These and other questions are asked of us every day and in order to make a general answer we will resort to the medium of the News.

In the first place, can the council, of itself, do everything toward bringing about better times and better everything else without the help of the citizens throughout the city? To be sure they can give us water, lights and streets, but how about the business? No law, or ordinance, will, of itself, make business. It takes enterprise, solicitations, money, exemption from taxes and various other inducements which the citizens can and should (having the welfare of the city at heart) give.

Now it seems to us that we should call a meeting of the progressive citizens and organize a commercial club and appoint committees to correspond with capitalists or manufacturers in regard to locating here. We are satisfied that anything that the council can do, it will take pleasure in doing. It is the intention of the council to advertise the sale of the franchise for water-works and electric lights at its next meeting and to insist on the immediate beginning of construction. We must all take into consideration the condition of the city treasury which was almost empty at the beginning of their term of office and the streets require so much work that it will keep them "humping" for some time to get them in shape. Consequently we must not expect much financial help from them for awhile at least. But we can safely say that all the concessions and inducements which they can offer will be gladly given.

We would be pleased to hear expressions from any one in the next issue of this paper on the same line.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN.

## Unduly Sensitive.

"These biscuits are rather heavy." His wife burst into tears. "Then you do not worship me any more!" she sobbed. "Higher criticism is not incompatible with worship!" protested the man, not unreasonably. —(Detroit Journal).

## Kensington Tea.

Miss Lucile Sterett, of Hawesville, was the guest of honor at the beautiful Kensington tea given by Miss Alliene Murray at her home Saturday afternoon. A prize was offered for the best buttonhole made in five minutes, and for that length of time there was comparative quiet in the room, as each guest bent over her needle diligently. The first prize was awarded to Miss Georgie White, a beautiful little dolly, and the "booby," a daintily wrapped spool of thread, was won by Miss Sterett in a cut with Miss Elizabeth Bowmer.

Delicious refreshments were served, and Miss Murray was, as usual, gracious and happy hostess. Those present were Messdames Chas. B. Skillman, Forrest Lightfoot, Morris Beard; Misses White, Bowmer, Sterett, Skillman, Oelze, Moorman, Robertson, Owen, Warfield and Murray.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. BALLARD'S HORE-HOUND SYRUP is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price 25 and 50 cents.

## Annual Gathering.

The A. O. U. W. lodge held their annual banquet Wednesday evening at their lodge rooms in this city. The usual greeting of friends and the serving of a sumptuous lunch with pretty music at intervals served to make the large crowd have a good time.

## To Whom It May Concern.

The United States civil service commission announces that the annual examinations for positions in the classified service will be held all over the country in March and April. There were over 8,000 appointments last year and judging from present indications there will be nearly 10,000 this year. Any one who wishes may try for a place without expense. One can obtain full information about the dates, places and character of the examinations, free by writing the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C.

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## Not Expected to Live.

Mrs. Silas Jordan who lives a few miles from Irvington is reported to be in a critical condition and not expected to live. Her brother, Mr. Long, of Owensboro, was summoned to her bedside Sunday evening.

## THE FATHER OF EIGHTEEN.

George Hook, a Respected Citizen of This County, Passes Away.

George Hook, one of Breckenridge county's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home near Hardinsburg Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock. He was a farmer, a miller, a mason and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hook was 74 years old and had reared a large family. He had been twice married and was the father of eighteen children, all of whom survive him. Their names are as follows: John H. Hook, Mary Jane, James, Jubal, Jeff, Will, Nat, Sallie, Cora, A. P. Alfred, Ben, Jennie, Lula, Walter, Fred, Etta and Tula.

He will be buried at Hardinsburg today by his Masonic brethren.

## Buys Land.

Allen Jarboe, of Pat-ville, purchased of P. M. Rigdon, 60 acres of farm land, for which he paid \$500 cash.

## Francis Willard Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brooks are the proud parents of a little baby girl who made her arrival Tuesday morning, Jan. 23rd and who will probably be christened Francis Willard in honor of the second victory won by the temperance people on Monday. Whether or not this little lassie will bear this illustrious name, our wish for her is that she may truly follow in the foot-steps of the late sainted president of the W. C. T. U.

## Two Cases of Small-Pox.

About seven miles from town on the Hawesville and Fordsville road there are two cases of smallpox in the family of James Irwin, colored.

HERBINE should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures all forms of blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50 cents.

## Married in Louisville.

The marriage of Miss Zilpha Frymire to Mr. Guy E. Burch occurred last Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Clay street Methodist parsonage at Louisville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Colie.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Cole and daughters; George Burch and John Gillespie, of Concordia. After the ceremony was pronounced the bridal couple immediately left for Chenault, this county to be with relatives and friends.

Miss Frymire was a visitor some few weeks ago in this city, the guest of Miss Eunice Crosson, her cousin Mrs. D. H. Severs is an aunt of the bride. She is a handsome young lady, intelligent and hail from one of Breckenridge county's prominent families.

Mr. Burch is a Meade county boy and ranks among the first as a young man of fine attainments. He is employed in the Big Four railway shops at Louisville.

## Long School Term.

On Saturday, January 20th, an election was held in this town for the purpose of voting to change the school term from five months to ten months. To accomplish this end a special school tax had to be voted upon. The long term carried by a majority of 23.

There were sixteen candidates for school trustee from which the following six men were elected: P. D. Plank, C. E. Lightfoot, Frank Haswell, Dr. F. M. Smith, R. O. Willis and Julius Nolte.

## Private School to Open Next Monday.

Miss Jessie Schull, who taught a private school in this city so successfully and who gave such general satisfaction to all her patrons last year, will re-open next Monday in the vacant store room formerly occupied by Mrs. H. V. Duncan as a millinery store.

Miss Schull will teach physical culture in all of its branches. She is a young lady of high intellectual ability and fine attainments. All who intend sending their children to a private school will make no error in sending to Miss Schull.

## BRILLIANT WEDDING.

At the Country Home of Dr. and Mrs. Laura Lane Kurtz.

WEBSTER KY.—Jan. 19, (Special)—Last Wednesday, Chas. H. Claycomb and Miss May Emma Kurtz were married at the M. E. church at this place, Rev. A. L. Mell officiating. Miss Norris Kurtz was maid of honor and A. F. Claycomb best man. The others in attendance were Henry Kurtz, Annie Claycomb, Wathen B. Henderson and Gola Orendoff.

In spite of the inclement weather the church was early filled, and promptly at 7:30, to the strains of Mendelssohn's march beautifully rendered by Miss Nora Henderson, the bridal party entered the church which was beautifully and artistically decorated. During the ceremony Miss Henderson played "Call Me Thine Own," and the party marched out to Lohengrin's famous march. The bride and bridesmaid were attired in beautiful white organdie made in the latest style. The ladies in attendance wore organdies with a pink ground. They all carried bouquets of carnations and roses, the gentleman wearing the white roses presented by Mr. Barr of Owensboro.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the bride's home where they received the congratulations of many friends who followed them thither. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, such as silver and linens. One beautiful set of spoons presented by the bride's uncle, Col. John Norris, of Louisville, was especially noticeable. About 9 o'clock the bride and groom left for their future home, three miles from this place, formerly known as the McEltham homestead.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Laura Lane Kurtz, and is a beautiful and accomplished girl. The groom is the prosperous son of the late W. G. Claycomb. His mother is connected with the famous Orendoff family. Mr. Claycomb is a sterling Christian and and both are of old and established lineage.

Those present from a distance were Messrs. Barr, Wilson and Thompson, of Owensboro, Misses Nettie Kurtz, Kate Pairpoint and Conrad Kurtz, of Cannelton, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan, of Brandenburg, Mrs. Anna Kincheloe, of Hardinsburg, C. S. Board, of Cloverport.

Both bride and groom are natives of this place, and we know the term "What God has joined," is appropriately said over them, for this is a union of God's and of love. We extend to them the kindest wishes of all.

## Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Miss Rida Watkins, daughter of P. T. Watkins, of Owensboro, to Mr. Fred H. Pierce, of Las Vegas, N. M. is announced to take place in the spring. Miss Watkins is one of Owensboro's most charming young women, and Mr. Pierce, a former Cloverport boy, is a substantial business man of Las Vegas. Mr. Pierce is to be congratulated on his good taste in seeking a bride from his native state.

The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work, and so rebuilds the body. Price 25 cents.

## Splendid Business.

The Mitchell House has been enjoying a splendid run of patronage for the past two weeks, every room having been full. The Mitchell is the great rendezvous for both traveler and citizen, and every night can be seen a large gathering, playing various games, and otherwise passing the evening most pleasantly. On several occasions lately Host Mitchell has entertained his guests with delightful music, both in the dining-room and office.

## On a Visit.

George F. Dean, of Chicago, Ill., has reached this city to visit friends. Mr. George Gregory, his grandfather, was found to be much improved in health.

Little Virginia Lady N. tocorlitti: "My mama is a 'F F. V.'"

Little North Carolina Lady: "That's nothing! My mama's a 'R. S. V. P.'"